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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference DK62436PC/hen	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP2005/002437	International filing date (day/month/year) 08/03/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 08/03/2004
Applicant DKFZ		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 10 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. **Basis of the report**

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).



With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐

Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box II).

3. ☒

Unity of invention is lacking (see Box III).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the **drawings**,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____



as suggested by the applicant.



as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.



none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-3 (in part), 8-18 (in part)

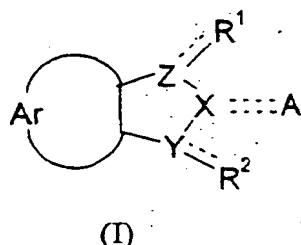
All subject-matter except subject-matter wherein A is a C1-C3 alkyl substituted by C(O)OR18

2. claims: 4-18 (in part)

Subject-matter in which A is a C1-3 alkyl substituted by C(O)OR18

Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

The present invention relates to compounds according to the general formula



wherein the dotted lines denote a single bond which is optionally present, with 2 dotted lines denoting a double bond; wherein, in case no double bond is present and a free valence exists, this valence is occupied by H; and

wherein the symbols in particular have the following meanings:

R^1 and R^2 are independently from each other selected from the group consisting of:

H; OH; (=O); halogens; pseudohalogens; NH_2 ; $S(O)_mR^5$; SO_2NH_2 ; $C(O)R^8$; $C(O)OR^9$; $CONH_2$; C_1 - C_2 -alkyl substituted by NH_2 , OH, $S(O)_mR^5$; SO_2NH_2 , $C(O)R^8$, $C(O)OR^9$, $CONH_2$; C_1 - C_2 -alkoxy substituted by NH_2 , OH, $S(O)_mR^5$, SO_2NH_2 , $C(O)R^8$, $C(O)OR^9$, $CONH_2$;

Ar denotes an unsubstituted mononuclear aryl group having 6 or 7 members, which aryl group is annulated to the neighbouring 5-membered cycle, and which may carry 1, 2 or 3 heteroatoms from the group N, O and S in its cycle;

Y, Z denote independently from each other a nitrogen atom or a methylene group;

X is a nitrogen atom or a methylene group;

A is selected from the group consisting of: H; halogens and pseudohalogens; OH; $=N(OH)$; $NR^{12}R^{13}$; OSO_3^- ; $S(O)_mR^{14}$; $SO_2NR^{15}R^{16}$; $C(O)R^{17}$; $C(O)OR^{18}$; $CONR^{19}R^{20}$; $C(S)R^{21}$; $C(S)OR^{22}$; unsubstituted and at least monosubstituted C_1 - C_6 -alkyl which can carry in its chain one or more non-adjacent heteroatoms from the group nitrogen and oxygen.

These compounds are used as inhibitors of DNA methylation and therefore useful in the treatment of various forms of cancer.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, CHEM ABS Data, PAJ

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.



Patent family members are listed in annex.

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